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were supposed to live, but because they belonged to a sect of pre-Christian gnostics called Nazorenes, who worshiped Jesus and Christ as a super-human and heavenly being. The word comes from the Old Testament root N-S-R, meaning to watch or guard. Smith maintains that there probably was no city by the name of Nazareth in Galilee in the time A.D. 1-30.

The last investigation of the book has to do with the name Judas Iscariot, and finds that Judas probably means the Jewish nation, while Iscariot (probably from the Hebrew root S-K-R) means, simply, one who delivers up, transmits, or surrenders (*der Ueberlieferer*). It was the Jews who handed over the great Jesus-idea, the Jesus-cult, to the heathen.

The reviewer is not able to pass upon the validity of the arguments of these papers, and, moreover, they contain a wealth of linguistic, literary, and historical information of which no reproduction is here possible. The arguments are very suggestive, but to give a symbolical interpretation to all the historical passages in the New Testament is, as indeed the author says, at present impossible. Moreover, it may never be possible. The author maintains that one must judge as to the validity of his main thesis by the general tenor of the New Testament. For the serious lay reader this thesis can be, for the present at least, little more than a suggestive hypothesis. It would be interesting to know what another generation or two of scholars in this field of historical research will pass upon it.

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## NOTES AND NEWS

### LETTER FROM PROFESSOR MECKLIN

TO THE EDITORS OF THE JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY, PSYCHOLOGY, AND SCIENTIFIC METHODS:

The statement in the last issue of the JOURNAL to the effect that I resigned my position as professor of philosophy at Lafayette College because my teachings were thought to be contrary to the standards of the Presbyterian Church is somewhat misleading.

The issue was one of text-books and teaching methods, not of attacks upon church standards. Exception was taken by the authorities to the use of Angell's "Psychology," Dewey's and Tuft's "Ethics," and similar text-books, on the ground that the functional and genetic method employed in them is opposed to the traditions of the college and subversive of the faith